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# Berkeley Park Bulletin

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BERKELEY PARK

**JULY 2003**

**Next Meeting  
Monday  
July 21, 2003  
7:00 pm**

**Location - Senior  
Citizen Center  
NPU-D Meetings  
Fourth Tuesday of  
every month  
Meetings start at 7:30  
Agape Center  
on Bolton Road**

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### Berkeley Park Neighborhood Association Vision Statement

To create an area of intown living that is safe, clean and has the direction and determination to take on tasks that are beneficial to the neighborhood and its residents.

**Meeting location - time 7:00 pm**

**Senior Citizen Services Center on Commerce Drive.**

Plenty of seating and parking available. Enter through the front door on Commerce Drive, someone will be in the lobby to direct you to the meeting room.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dwight Glover

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**BIG NEWS!!!** We have a big announcement to make. I think you will all be very happy. But just to make it a little more fun, you have to come to the July meeting to hear it first. The things I have to do to get people to come to the meetings.

The summer is getting hot and so are the negotiations. We will also be entertained again by Coro as the tree saga continues. Coro has revised it's plans to include some additional trees that will be removed and some additional ones to

replace them with. They have apologized profusely for the mistakes in the original plan and would like a chance to do so before the neighborhood.

There is no new news on the Selig negotiations. We provided them feedback on the original concept and they are in the process of making revisions to meet with our requests. I am hoping to have them make a presentation to the neighborhood as soon as possible.

Dwight Glover

## TREASURER REPORT

Elaine Evans

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Bank of America Balance as of 5/31/03 was \$967.58. Checks to Key Concept Services for a total of \$190.89 bring balance to \$776.69. Deposits of dues from Artisan Pictureworks, Philip Massey, Maureen

Hetrick, Tom Hawley, and cash of \$10 from unknown source bring balance to \$821.69. Ledger balanced with the most current statement from bank.

Elaine Evans, Treasurer

## SECRETARY REPORT

Kendra Huckabee

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Minutes from June 2003 meeting:

- Presentation given by Elizabeth Sears about the Coro Realty site and tree removal. Elizabeth outlined discrepancies in the site plan versus trees that were tagged to be cut down. There is a special concern for the older trees lining Bellemeade that would be lost with the

addition of another lane. The Neighborhood voted unanimously to support an appeal which was set for July 16th.

- A "Key Negotiation Issues for Selig" list was presented and reviewed. Suggestions requested.

- BPNA elected Dwight Glover as key negotiator for the Selig project. Brett

Marsengill and Linda Alcott will serve as alternatives.

- Addressed code enforcement concerns and how to get in touch with the proper city officials regarding matters about trash, yard upkeep, etc.

- Voted 17 to 1 in favor to moderate the email distribution list using the guidelines discussed. These were sent out in a following email. The BPNA website has a message board that may be used for other matters.

## MEMBERSHIP

David Soofian

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No report this month.

## SENIORS

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Happy Birthday to Walter Fritz of 744 Bellemeade Avenue born on July 14th. We hope you have a wonderful day.

Reminder to all seniors: We are having a lunch or early dinner at The United Methodist Church on the corner of Holmes St & Howell Mill Rd in August. We want you to meet other seniors and enjoy a homecooked hot meal. We will be sending you an invitation. We still need more volunteers if anyone would like to help the seniors in your neighborhood.

## NEWSLETTER

Sharon Arnold

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A continuing message.

I have been the Newsletter Committee Chair for the last 6 years also taking on development and maintenance of the Berkeley Park website (with some help recently). I have decided that I will not accept a nomination or motion to continue in the role of Newsletter Committee Chair. I will also relinquish maintenance of the website. Neither of these tasks is hard or very time consuming - it is just way past time for a fresh approach. I am stating this now so someone has plenty of time to mull this over between now and the January elections.

## BEAUTIFICATION

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No report this month.

## NPU-D

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## CRIME WATCH

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A reminder - Be aware of "Red Flag Bandits". Believe it or not criminals actually ride through neighborhoods looking for mailbox red flags in the up position indicating outbound mail waiting to be picked up by the mailman. Frequently the mail in a mailbox will have checks inside. These criminals will take these checks and either try to cash them, change the amount by adding zeroes and trying to cash them, or making a small investment and have checks reprinted and then raid your checking account. Please do not put bills or greeting cards with checks enclosed in your mailbox. Drop your mail in pick up mailboxes located throughout the neighborhood or take your mail to work and send through your company mailroom.

## LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT

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No report this month.

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*July Gardening Tips from  
Pike Family Nurseries*

Summer is in full swing! Gardening activities usually slow down as the temperatures continue to climb, but there are always maintenance chores. The best time to do such chores is early morning or late evening when the sun is not so hot. Remember to drink plenty of water and go inside and take a break when needed.

Conserve moisture. If rain is lacking, practice water-wise horticultural techniques. Add another layer of mulch to planting beds and continue to remove weeds that compete for water.

Water an established lawn 1" every 7-10 days. This is typically an hour's worth of watering. Over-watering produces shallow root growth, which causes the grass to lose its ability to resist drought-like conditions.

Cut grass slightly higher than normal. This promotes deeper rooting and, therefore, requires less water.

If you feel the need to fertilize in the heat of summer, use water-soluble solutions for plants. It is fine to fertilize Bermuda grasses now and then again in August and September. St. Augustine grass can also be fertilized in July.

Deadhead annuals and perennials to encourage continuous blooms and cut back any rampant growth.

Prune back fall-blooming perennials by 1/2 to 1/3, such as Asters, Chrysanthemums, and Heliopsis. This will result in fuller plants in the fall. To encourage flower formation throughout the growing season, continue to deadhead repeat bloomers.

This is a good time to "groom & prune" back fast-growing

shrubs such as Privet, Glossy Abelia, Cherry Laurel and Hollies. The new growth will still have time to harden off before winter's chill arrives.

Plant Fall vegetables. Sow seeds of lettuce, kale, radish, beets, turnips, broccoli, cabbage, radishes and spinach in late July to early August.

If you are still looking for summer color to plant, you are not out of luck. Marigolds, cosmos, vinca (periwinkle), gomphrena, cleome (spider flower), zinnias, purslane and portulaca all do well in the summer heat.

Create a backyard oasis with a stone pathway or pond with material from Pike's new Stone & Aquatic Centers.

Control mosquitoes by eliminating all sources of standing water. It is a good idea to empty bird baths weekly and refill with fresh water.

Always remember to have an ample supply of fresh water for pets that remain outside during hot summer days. They'll thank you for it!



### *July Gardening Tips from Pike Family Nurseries*

Working outside in the August heat is not very pleasant, but there are chores and planning to be done to get ready for Fall. A glass of iced tea and a patch of shade are the ideal garden activity in the summer heat. For those who will brave the heat, here are a few tips to get you through the scorching days of August:

If you're going on vacation:

Group houseplants together and water well to raise humidity levels or set them in trays of water that can gradually be absorbed through the drainage holes. Do not raise the thermostat too much - The cooler the atmosphere, the less evaporation there will be.

Mow the lawn, and water it well just before you leave.

Soak flowerbeds with annual flowers, and cut off all the blooms to encourage more blossoms when you return.

Spray plants with insecticides and fungicides for protection against insects and diseases while you're gone.

And finally, weed the garden before you leave. This will help keep weed seeds from spreading.

If you're staying home:

Plan, Plan, Plan...Order spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting. Assess areas in the garden that may need additional planting. Prepare a landscape plan for fall planting of trees and shrubs - Pike Design Group can help!

During August be sure to water your chrysanthemums, because they'll quickly wilt without moisture. Overwatering, however, results in stem or root rot.

Fertilize mums with a slow-release, complete, balanced fertilizer or apply a water-soluble fertilizer every week or so.

Plant the seeds of broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, collards, mustard, turnips, squash, cucumbers and shallots.

Late August is an excellent time to prune roses, especially those that may have started to show "wear and tear" from summer heat and diseases. Also, apply a slow-release fertilizer to

encourage fall blooms.

Plant late-summer/fall-blooming bulbs like spider lilies, crocus, meadow saffrons and autumn daffodils.

Don't panic at the sight of wilted leaves. The roots cannot keep up with the water requirements of the leaves in the hot sun, so as long as the soil is moist the plants should perk back up by late afternoon or early evening.

Check the soil in container plants every day. Their water supply is more limited and may need a shower each day.

A last blast of fertilizer should be applied to warm season grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine or Zoysia), but be sure to irrigate immediately to carry nutrients down to the roots and wash any residue off the blades.

## SPECIAL TOPICS

### *Children's Play Date*

Children's Play Date is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th from 10:am to 12:pm. Please bring your family and come play with us. Snacks and Drinks are provided.

### *New Pastor at Underwood Hills United Methodist*

Rev. Brett DeHart, Pastor

Underwood United Methodist Church

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